

Union Calendar No. 423

105TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 2314

[Report No. 105–707, Part I]

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 30, 1997

Mr. WATKINS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

SEPTEMBER 11, 1998

Reported from the Committee on Resources

SEPTEMBER 11, 1998

Referral to the Committee on the Judiciary extended for a period ending not later than September 18, 1998

SEPTEMBER 18, 1998

Committee on the Judiciary discharged; committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
 2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Kickapoo Tribe of
 5 Oklahoma Federal Indian Services Restoration Act of
 6 1997”.

7 **SEC. 2. RESTORATION OF FEDERAL INDIAN SERVICES.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
 9 sion of law, the members of the Kickapoo Tribe of Okla-
 10 homa residing in Texas shall be eligible for all Federal
 11 services and benefits furnished to members of federally-
 12 recognized tribes without regard to the existence of a res-
 13 ervation for the Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma in Maverick
 14 County, Texas. In the case of Federal services available
 15 to members of federally-recognized tribes residing on or
 16 near a reservation, the members of the Kickapoo Tribe
 17 of Oklahoma residing in Texas shall be deemed to be resid-
 18 ing on or near a reservation.

19 (b) COOPERATION WITH THE MEXICAN GOVERN-
 20 MENT.—In providing services pursuant to subsection (a),
 21 the Secretary of the Interior (referred to hereafter in this
 22 Act as the “Secretary”) and the head of each department
 23 and agency shall consult and cooperate with appropriate

1 officials or agencies of the Mexican Government to the
2 greatest extent possible to ensure that such services meet
3 the special tricultural needs of the members of the Kick-
4 apoo Tribe of Oklahoma residing in Texas. Such consulta-
5 tion and cooperation may include joint funding agree-
6 ments between such agency or department of the United
7 States and the appropriate agencies and officials of the
8 Mexican Government.

9 **SEC. 3. CLARIFICATION OF UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP.**

10 (a) APPLICATIONS FOR CITIZENSHIP GRANTED.—
11 For a period of 3 years beginning on the date of the enact-
12 ment of this Act, any member of the Kickapoo Tribe of
13 Oklahoma residing in Texas may apply for United States
14 citizenship. Such application shall be made to the Immi-
15 gration and Naturalization Service and, upon receipt of
16 the application, citizenship promptly shall be granted to
17 the applicant.

18 (b) PASS AND REPASS OF BORDERS.—Notwithstand-
19 ing the Immigration and Nationality Act, all members of
20 the Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma shall be entitled to pass
21 and repass freely the borders of the United States and
22 to live and work in the United States.

23 **SEC. 4. LAND ACQUISITION.**

24 (a) 45 ACRES.—Pursuant to section 5 of the Act of
25 June 18, 1934 (25 U.S.C. 465), the Secretary shall accept

1 at least 45 acres of land held in fee by the Kickapoo Tribe
2 of Oklahoma in Maverick County, Texas, to be held in
3 trust for the benefit of the Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma.

4 (b) ADDITIONAL LAND.—Pursuant to land acquisi-
5 tion authority under the Act of June 18, 1934 (25 U.S.C.
6 461 et seq.), the Secretary shall accept in trust for the
7 benefit of the Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma any additional
8 land in Maverick County, Texas, acquired by the Kickapoo
9 Tribe of Oklahoma.

10 (c) NO LIMITATION OF AUTHORITY.—Nothing in this
11 section shall be construed as limiting the authority of the
12 Secretary under section 5 of the Act of June 18, 1934
13 (48 Stat. 985).

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